HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Original House Bill No. 573 by Representative Willmott

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, between "United States;" and "to" delete "to provide for penalties;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "definitions" delete the semi colon ";" and delete line 8 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 15 through 19 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 1, change "(4)" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, after line 2, delete the remainder of the page and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 4 in their entirety and insert the following:

"C. In the event a contract is not entered into for products purchased under the provisions of R.S. 39:1595, each procurement officer, purchasing agent, or similar official who procures or purchases materials, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment under the provisions of this Chapter may purchase such materials, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment which are manufactured in the United States, and which are equal in quality to other materials, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The cost of such items does not exceed the cost of other items which are manufactured outside the United States by more than five percent.

(2) The vendor of such items agrees to sell the items at the same price as the lowest bid offered on such items.

(3) In cases where more than one bidder offers items manufactured in the United States which are within five percent of the lowest bid, the bidder offering the lowest bid on such items is entitled to accept the price of the lowest bid made on such items.

(4) The vendor certifies that such items are manufactured in the United States.

D. The office of state purchasing may promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this Section in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act."

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.